Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern abut the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments

Consumer, Health & Safety

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH QUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 5:30 am BUSINESS WEEK

(airs weekly)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

October 3, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Tiffany Johnson's three year old son knew something was wrong this morning and seeing all these fire trucks proves he was right. Tiffany Johnson says, "He was like, what's that smell? I smell something. I was like, it's nothing. Don't worry about it." But a few minutes later, she did smell something and so did Tanisha Johnson, who also lives at Oakview Apartments. Tanisha Johnson says "You could really smell it. It's real strong. If you light a match, you'd blow up." Authorities say a landscaping crew, planting some shrubs on Howard Street in Spartanburg, ruptured a gas line. And that's when everyone at Oakview Apartments and Northside Apartments was told to go to Piedmont Community Actions while fire crews tried to contain the gas. According to Tanisha Johnson "He (firefighter) came up and told me everybody needed to leave. He said he was trying to evacuate people for about an hour...saying we need to leave and go to the Community Actions." Also evacuated was Kizzie Hunter. She quickly went across the street to pick-up her kids at Northside Head Start Center, leaving her mom behind at Oakview. She says, "I was trying to go get them, and I figured they would tell her and she would come out. She came up here, and she's doing okay." It didn't take long for crews to stop the leak and everyone went back to their homes.

October 3, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Seventy-two year old Ethel Bridges is in the hospital tonight. She is paralyzed on one side of her body, unable to speak or even eat on her own. Her neighbors say she almost died in her own driveway waiting for help. Fox Carolina obtained one of the 911 calls. Her neighbor Wendy Hall is heard saying, "Her grandson pulled her out of the car and threw her on the ground. She looks unconscious. She came to my house a while ago and used the phone and she called 911 about 15, 20 minutes ago and her name is Ethel Bridges." Another neighbor Elaine McNeill says she and several other neighbors also called 911. But they say their calls took way too long to answer. Elaine told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "The ambulance finally got here and it was at least 40 minutes I know." Elaine even filed a complaint with the Greenville Sheriff's Department who told her the response time was about seven minutes. Elaine says, "We put an umbrella over her, a wet rag, a lot of phone calls went out and there's no way it was 7 minutes no way." According to Elaine and her neighbors the first call went out at 3:30 in the afternoon, and the EMS didn't arrive until about 4:15. Elaine says, "I could've got from the EMS station to my house walking faster than they got here. I mean I am as sure as I know who I am sure, I have no doubt." Elaine isn't the only one complaining about the system. Fox Carolina also obtained a seventeen page letter from former EMS director Bill

Marcley to county councilman Butch Kervin. In the letter Marcley alleges that there are serious flaws with the Greenville County EMS system, the county responded by conducting an investigation which is still underway.

October 3, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A surprise visit to a Gaffney nursing home forces the facility to stop accepting new residents.

The Department of Health tells <u>FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola</u>, that investigators found residents smoking in non-designated areas at Brookview Healthcare Center. Brookview tell us it is working to correct the problem and says some reports that the facility shut down are inaccurate. When the nursing home complies with the rules it will return to accepting new residents.

October 4, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Everyone wants to live in a safe community, that's why one town in Spartanburg County is taking the first step to protect their neighborhood from crime. The town of Startex held a community crime watch meeting Tuesday night to inform residents how to work together to fight crime. According to Kristie Bentley, a Startex resident, "All neighborhoods have crime and of course, Startex is no exception." The quiet town of Startex is about to make some noise, that is, when it comes to crime in their community and the plan is to fight it together. "Mainly it's about neighbors knowing neighbors and watching what's happening in your community because the police can't be everywhere every minute and we're the first ones to see it if something happens," says Bentley. Plans for the community crime watch program came about after a string of car break-ins hit the small town in April. Since Startex is already a close-knit community, residents say they want to put their resources to use. Lee Harvey is the President of the town's Community Action Committee, he says, "The people have lived here all their lives, they worked in the mill, their dad's worked down at the mill, so it's a close-knit community, people know everybody so we're already protective of each other, but we just want to be more." Bentley agrees, "It just makes the reaction time that much faster and hopefully we can prevent crime from happening in the neighborhood." Residents like Wes Scott say Startex does not have a crime problem, but a crime watch program could help keep the town as safe as it's always been. "Hopefully it'll deter people from doing stuff, knowing now that people are actually coming together," says Scott. According to Bentley, "I don't think Startex is a dangerous community by any means, but we just want to be proactive and make sure crime doesn't come into our neighborhood." Harvey says, "We're not doing this because we've got a major crime problem, it's just that we don't want one." The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office helped conduct the meeting to kick off the neighborhood crime watch program. About 70 people attended the meeting and were given booklets with information on protecting their own home as well as how to look out for others in the neighborhood and emergency numbers to call if they witnessed a crime. If you missed the meeting and would like more information you can contact Lee Harvey at (864) 444-9120 or the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

October 6, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

South Carolina ranks sixth nationwide in the number of domestic violence related murders and that's one of the many reasons why Greenville hosted an event on Tuesday night. October is domestic violence awareness month but organizers here say that although awareness is on the rise, South Carolina still has a long way to go. SAFE Harbor director Renee Middleton says, "We feel positive that we're no longer number one..." But South Carolina is still far from the bottom. Middleton says, "We understand how hard it is to leave, there are so many things you can do you do not have to stay in an abusive relationship." And that truth rings especially loud for the women here tonight. Pamela Stancil says, I am a survivor I had to wash blood out of my hair for two hours..walk to the bathroom with a broken leg...for anyone who tells you it won't happen again it will." The South Carolina Attorney General says last year 45 people died as a result of domestic violence, 37 were women. The FBI says domestic violence is the leading cause of injury for women more so than car accidents, muggings, and rapes by strangers COMBINED. The Violence Policy Center says women are nine times more likely to beaten by their partner than a

stranger. Tuesday night's event was a night of awareness, of action, and remembrance that no matter how far you think we've come there's always more to go. At Tuesday night's meeting were the following organizations: Catholic Charities: 864-242-2233; New Horizon: 864-233-1534; SAFE Harbor: 864-467-1177; Compass: 864-467-3434; Rosewood: 864-242-2166

October 6, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

We've spent much of the day investigating a man we first told you about Wednesday night. He's accused of walking into a hospital and pretending to be a doctor. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports his lab coat-- and his so-called credentials read "Dr. A.J. Bixby". And that, according to administrators at Oconee Memorial Hospital was good enough to give him a pass that let him in and out of areas not allowed to the general public. It also got Bixby arrested for pretending to be a doctor. Bixby: [I never went into a patients' room at all. I never went into records, never looked into anyone records never did I violate confidentiality or HIPPA laws]. A.J. Bixby claims to have a P.H.D. In exactly what? We're not certain. Thursday, FOX Carolina was unable to verify his attendance at several colleges he says he went to. Bixby: [Help me; because when they find out I'm not guilty it'll help]. When we interviewed Bixby Wednesday he was determined to prove he is legit. Monday was the grand opening of Infectious Disease Educational Center and Emergency Care or I.D.E.C. It's a lab that triples as his home and office. I.D.E.C. gives free H.I.V. tests and provides free counseling and treatment. He let us take a look inside showing us a makeshift lab that took up half of his kitchen. There are empty blood vials, blood pressure cuffs, a log listing patients' medicine and at least three security cameras. Bixby: [I'm just worried because everybody is putting me on the news and newspaper and its making me seem like a criminal]. And it turns out; I.D.E.C. is legit-- on paper. The organization is registered as a not for profit-- with the Secretary of State's office. But anybody, including me or you, can get the same registration for a small fee. Bixby also showed us a certificate from the Offices of Medicare and Medicaid. It allows him to take specimens like blood or spit for H.I.V. tests. That too-- legit. But the office of Medicare and Medicaid says it never visited I.D.E.C. and that the certificate is the lowest level of regulation. Bixby: [All I'm trying to do is help people and people are trying to ruin my name like I'm a criminal or something. Ruin my name reputation, put my name in paper and I don't know what to do about it]. Oconee Memorial Hospital will answer reporter questions Friday morning. We want to know from them how just anybody can walk in, dressed like a doctor-- and be given the same privileges of one? Watch for that story Friday night on The Ten O'clock News.

October 7, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

We have new information about a security breach at Oconee Memorial Hospital earlier this week. Administrators there are warning every hospital in South Carolina, especially here in the upstate-- about a man they say duped them. The suspect is still on the streets this weekend after being arrested for pretending to be a doctor. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the accused con-man paid two visits to Oconee Memorial—both visits were a week apart. We're told security cameras at the hospital followed the suspect's every move. Friday-- 4 days since A.J. Bixby was arrested for pretending to be a doctor and nearly 2 weeks since he was given access to restricted areas; hospital administrators try to assure patients and their loved ones, the situation is under control. Jean Ward/C.E.O. Oconee Memorial Hospital: "Again, let me assure you that we have taken steps to ensure the integrity of our physician access and I.D. system. The hospital's president says Bixby only penetrated the first level of security when it issued him a physicians I.D. badge. Bixby allegedly visited the hospital as a doctor on September 28th and October 3rd. The only restricted areas he is accused of going in and out of are physician lounges. Jean Ward: "There are vulnerabilities in any security system". On Wednesday we asked Bixby for his side of the story. He denies ever trying to pass as an MD at Oconee Memorial but claims to have a P.H.D. Neither FOX Carolina nor investigators can verify his credentials. A.J. Bixby/Arrested: [Well I really feel it's a false arrest. I wasn't trying to portray myself as an M.D. I wear a lab coat, this is a laboratory, we have a license where we test for HIV1 Bixby is also the self-appointed lab director for an HIV clinic he runs out of his home. Because Bixby has a license to operate from the Office of Medicare and Medicaid the Sheriff's Office says it cannot investigate. Capt. Michael Crenshaw/Oconee County Sheriff's Office: "I don't know if he is who he says he is. But I can tell you he's not a licensed physician in South Carolina". We're told Bixby's lab may fall under the

jurisdiction of the South Carolina Health Department. But D.H.E.C says a complaint must be filed first before it can inspect. A.J. Bixby, by the way, also claims to be a bishop and a gospel record producer. All you have to do is "Google" his name and you'll see for yourself.

October 9, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

He looks like a doctor and acts like one but investigators say he's far from it. His name is A.J. Bixby but prefers to be called "Doctor Bixby" and that's a problem for police. They arrested him for pretending to practice medicine at Oconee Memorial Hospital. Administrators there do admit they gave Bixby a high-access security badge. But only because Bixby said he practiced medicine, specializing in infectious diseases like AIDS. Bixby reportedly had no contact with patients. Now, the Seneca man is out of jail and is talking about what happened exclusively to FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola. Bixby says he's never pretended to practice medicine but claims to have his P.H.D. He also says he's a bishop and only wants to clear his name. Bixby: [Well I really feel it's a false arrest. I wasn't trying to portray myself as an M.D. just because I wore a lab coat. This is a laboratory, we have a license here to test for HIV.] We wanted Bixby's side of the story. We found him Wednesday night at his Seneca home that triples as a lab and office for his organization "Infectious Disease Educational Center and Emergency Care" or I.D.E.C. Bixby: [All we're doing is legit, everything, but yet just because I walk through the hospital with my lab coat on and I had Dr. Bixby there they are trying to say I was portraying a physician]. Bixby says I.D.E.C. provides free counseling, education, testing and treatment for people affected by H.I.V. We asked to look inside and he agreed showing us a makeshift lab that took up half of his kitchen. There are empty blood vials, blood pressure cuffs, a log listing patients medicine and at least three security cameras, he says helps assure patient confidentiality. Bixby: [Help me because when they find out I'm not guilty, it'll help]. We also found other lab coats with "Dr.Bixby" sewn on them. And an I.D. from Palmetto Health he hopes to start using soon. In the next room, on the living room wall, letters Bixby claims are from the Governor, and the Secretary of State with certificates he tells us validates his charitable organizations registration in South Carolina. But when we looked online I.D.E.C. is not listed on the State's website which is frequently updated. But we did find online Bixby's website for a religious organization-- which we also could not verify-where he claims he's an acting bishop. And there's more. Bixby has been in similar trouble before and admits nearly 20 years ago he was arrested for pretending to be an officer. Bixby even told us the Mayor of Seneca proclaimed this past Monday—I.D.E.C. Day. We couldn't get the mayor Wednesday night but we did reach the Mayor pro-tem who assures us that proclamation was never made. If convicted, Bixby faces up to a year in jail and a possible fine. If you want to make sure your doctor is properly licensed, you can check with your state's labor, licensing and regulation board. Click the following for: South Carolina, North Carolina, or Georgia Jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

October 17, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

"I moved in here in April and about three weeks later everybody in the house started getting sick." That's Susan Fitzmaurice's claim against Autumn Wood Apartments in Simpsonville. Fitzmaurice says mold is overtaking her home, and she showed us mold in the corners of windows throughout her apartment. "It just keeps coming back," she adds. Fitzmaurice showed us pictures of how bad she says the problem was just a few months ago. The pictures show interior windows and exterior walls with visible mold. She says, "there was a lot of green mossy moldy stuff from the ground up across the entire back and sides of the building." Autumn Wood Apartments touts its caring staff, stating on the Internet that "...our residents come first." But Fitzmaurice says when she told management about the mold in her home, they made no effort to fix it. "I was told it was not cost efficient." she says. So we contacted Autumn Wood. New management took over the complex in August. Since then, we're told Autumn Wood has received only one complaint about mold -- and that management found no evidence of any mold after inspecting the apartment. Environmentalist Andrew Schauder also inspected Fitzmaurice's apartment and tells a very different story. He says, "the problem that's causing mold growth in this case is condensation from the windows. That would indicate that the windows themselves are defective in some way." And Schauder says the problem isn't getting any better. "The mold spores that have spread throughout the house may have impacted other materials, other belongings." Fitzmaurice says it's also impacted her family's health, "it started with sinus infections, went to respiratory problems, nosebleeds." Schauder says until the problem is corrected, the mold and the health

problems will likely continue. "Ultimately the building owner's gonna have to look at what's wrong with those windows and go ahead and get them fixed." If you are concerned about a mold problem and are renting your home or apartment, get in touch with your landlord or leasing agent. If you're not comfortable with the results of their investigation into the problem, contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

November 21, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

At some point we've all been there... stuck on hold at the mercy of an automated telephone system. Now one man has a way to avoid the hassle and get an actual person on the line. Computer programmer Paul English is fighting back. English has created a cheat sheet with shortcuts to short circuit computer phone systems and it's available on the internet. In most cases, all you need to do to talk to a customer service representative is enter the right numeric code on your phone's keypad. To see all the codes, log onto this website.

www.paulenglish.com/ivr

November 21, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Area airports are offering holiday air-tips that will ease your travel headaches this Thanksgiving. They recommend you check your flight status before leaving home by calling your airline or checking out the airport's website. Arrive early and allow yourself plenty of time to deal with delays. Airlines recommend showing up an hour and a half before you're scheduled to fly. Bring a picture ID. You will be asked to show-it. Make sure the name on the ID matches the name on your ticket. Children aren't required to have picture ID's when flying in the U.S. Pack smart and keep carry-on luggage to a minimum. Put your name on all of your bags and put another name tag inside. Pack a small carry on bag with necessities such as medications, eyeglasses and any valuables that you may be bringing along. Once you check-in and get through security screenings, stay in the gate area. And be aware of your surroundings. Immediately report any suspicious behavior.

November 23, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Staying safe on the roads is tough enough, especially when the weather is bad, and once you factor in the extra holiday traffic it's even more difficult, that's why there's a new initiative to get car drivers and truckers to "Share The Road." According to car driver, Brandon Cox, "It's just like Christmas already, the Christmas traffic is already here." And truck drivers know this traffic all too well. David Kickasola has been driving a truck since 1978 and says, "It's surprising what people don't understand about trucks, trucks don't stop on a dime and when you've got 80,000 pounds pushing on you and you're going downhill and somebody cuts in front of you, it can be a life and death situation." And it's what drivers don't know that has the American Trucking Associations kicking off a safety initiative, helping to educate car drivers about "Sharing the Road" with truckers. Ohio truck driver, Brent Lykins says, "That's a good opportunity to make the roads a lot safer, especially in the holiday season, there's a lot of tractor trailer wrecks with automobiles." Between several blind spots and stopping distance problems, truck drivers say keep 3 to 4 car lengths as a buffer and don't make any sudden stops. Remember to keep extra distance from trucks and keep in mind the limitations truck drivers have and hopefully everyone will have safe travels this holiday season.

November 23, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Beware of dangerous toys for your kids, because they're out there according to an annual holiday study. Sixteen toy-related deaths were reported last year along with another two-hundred-and-ten-thousand emergency room visits. The leading cause was choking on small toys or their parts. The public interest research group says one of the most hazardous toys on the store shelves this year is a yo-yo water ball which could cause strangulation if played with inappropriately. Another hazard is noisemaking toys. Some of them are so loud they could damage your youngster's hearing. For more information on toys you need to avoid, visit the attached link.

December 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

We told you about a Greenville Police Department email program that will keep businesses informed about crime trends in the area. Businesses owners can go to the Greenville P.D. website and be added to the "Business Watch" list. We found one business that didn't know about it....but plans to sign up. If you decide to shoplift instead of shop at Venti in Downtown Greenville, you get plenty of warning. But one man ignored the signs. He stole a creamer from an expensive tea set. Derrick Jones: "Ran the video back and come to find out one of the guys picked it up and stuck it in his pocket." Venti seems to be a haven for crime. Derrick Jones: "Just last week downtown someone was writing bad checks and we got one of them." But now stores like this one will get a warning from Greenville Police. It's called "Business Watch". Beginning today, business owners can sign up for daily emails. Those emails provide crime trend information for the city. Greenville Police tell FOX Carolina, 500 businesses have already added their name to the listsery. Venti plans to follow suit. Derrick Jones: "That would be a benefit to be on the list for the email. You came in and told us about it. Yeah, we're going to be taking a look at that pretty much everyday." This program is similar to Greenville's neighborhood crime trends program for neighbors to get crime stats for their community.

December 21, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The power outage also proved to be deadly. Investigators say several deaths in the upstate had one key fact in common, all of the victims had no power. Greg Shore is not only Anderson'S EMS director, he's also the county coroner. So on Sunday morning when he heard a call over the radio about an obvious death, he headed straight for the victim's home on LaConte Road. He told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I just happen to be close by and was first on the scene." At the home he saw a family friend outside who was called there and Shore says he realized that this death might not be so obvious after all. Shore then decided to kick down the front door. He says, "First thing I saw was a dog stumble...and went around and found Mrs. Hoover incoherent." He brought out Tammy Hoover, just minutes away from death. But her husband Anthony Hoover was already dead. The culprit, the Hoover's generator. Shore says this death was one of two in Anderson County due to carbon monoxide poisoning. In Spartanburg County, the coroner's office says at least 3 deaths were linked to the power outage. And in Greenville County at least two people also died from carbon monoxide. Shore says, "It's sad, it shouldn't happen...they are preventable."

December 21, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The estimated time of total restoration for Duke Power customers across the upstate is now extended to a time frame that could mean there are people out there who will have spent an entire week in the dark. Utility crews are still working, but thousands of homes and businesses are still in the dark. "We will continue to have some scattered outages past Tuesday." That's Duke Power spokesman Jason Walls. After their initial damage assessment last week, Duke Power now says things were a lot worse than they first thought. Walls adds, "once our crews got out in the field, began to make restoration, began to see just how extensive the damage was to the power delivery equipment in this area of the Upstate of South Carolina, we now know that we have a lot more work to do." Richard Pike works with Pike Electric and came down with a utility crew from North Carolina to help with restoration efforts. He says, "we've got all the primary lines up in this area and now we're going door to door with the services." Pike's crew focused on the McDowell Street area of Greenville County, with crews literally going from house to house, finding extensive damage to structures and equipment at individual homes and businesses. "We're having to go door to door and probably one out of every three is down on the ground and we're having to put it back up." Pike says it's a time consuming process, which means if you are still in the dark, it may take a personal visit from a power crew before the lights come back on. Walls says, "hopefully all that power will be restored by Thursday." One reminder, if you have a meter box that's damaged or pulled away from your home, Duke Power won't fix it. It's actually your responsibility to contact an electrician to make those repairs.

December 21, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The Shumate family is going on their fifth night without power. David Shumate says, "we have a kerosene heater and we're camping out downstairs at night and keeping warm that way." They're making the best of it, but are happy to finally see utility trucks in their Greenville County neighborhood. "They replaced that pole because it snapped off near the top and they just replaced it yesterday and I guess they're stringing the wires now." Shumate hopes his power is back on sometime Tuesday, but understands that utility crews have a difficult job. "If you just drive around you see that there are trees down all over the place and a crew can only do so much when you have that much devastation," he adds. A lot of that devastation was in the Shumate's front yard, so they hired a crew of tree trimmers who drove down from Indiana. John Held with R & J Tree Trimming says, "we always follow the ice storms ... People need the help. Its been one of the worst in the 20 years I've been doing storms ... I've never seen so many trees in houses in storms."

December 22, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Before you feed your cats and dogs, you better check their food, first. Diamond Pet Foods is recalling three brands of dog and cat food, because they may contain Aflatoxin. Aflatoxin is a toxic chemical byproduct of mold, which can cause your pets to get sick. The food is sold under the Diamond, Country Value and Professional labels. It's distributed in 23 states, including North Carolina.

December 23, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Believe it or not there is still some time left to hit the mall. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports on the last-minute rush. If you're going to go you better set aside a few hours, it comes with the territory of shopping at the last minute. And would you believe, since Thanksgiving it'll be a month Saturday. And it all comes down to this. Crowds, crowds and more crowds. Inside and outside the Haywood Mall. Depending how you shop the flow was either bumper to bumper or bag to bag. Everyone here, though, guilty of the same thing-last minute shopping, no matter what the excuse. Shopper: "My job, I work long hours sometimes". Shopper: "Working everyday makes it worse". Another reason, last minute bargains and deals that are steals. Reasons sure to put a smile on someone's face even if it ends up being Uncle Sam's. Haywood Mall reopens Christmas Eve at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. It'll stay closed for Christmas but reopens Monday at 8 a.m.

December 23, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

This year, more of us will drive to see our family and friends for the holidays than ever before. FOX Carolina 's Jamie Guirola reports, even with gas prices nearly 30 cents higher than last year-- drivers are setting a record this holiday season. Exactly why? That can't be measured. A.A.A. only reporting a more than one percent spike in people who are getting behind the wheel. Besides safety--the one thing on everybody's mind--gas. According to AAA gas is up nearly 40 cents this year compared to last but most drivers will take today's average of \$2.09 given just months ago we were shelling out more than \$3.20/gallon. The drivers we talked to today also don't appear to be in much of a rush. We did catch up with some drivers who are from here and plan to stay here. From what they can remember it's been years, even decades since they've left home for the holidays. All week we've been at the airport where travelers in the skies are reporting pretty easy traveling. AAA reports the number of people flying is also up this year too. Happy Holidays!

December 23, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

About half of the reported fire deaths every year happen in homes without smoke detectors, and most happen during the winter months. This house fire fits both of those profiles. "You never know when you go to bed at night whether you are gonna wake up the next day or not," says Dorothy Ballenger. She spent part of Friday afternoon looking at what's left of her neighbor's mobile home. The charred remains don't even begin to tell a story about the men who were inside when it caught fire. But Dorothy knew them well. "Everyday when I come home from work at two p.m. I would ask my mom have you seen the boys and she would say, 'yeah I'd seen them going in and out, Dot." They'd been neighbors for years and planned to spend the holidays together. Dorothy says, "he made pecan pies and he had picked up and cracked a big ol' bowl of pecans." She showed us the pecans one of the men planned to use to make a pie for Christmas Eve dinner with her family. There was also a charred bowl just outside of the mobile home that Dorothy says the man used to collect those pecans. So when Dorothy woke up about 5 a.m. Friday morning and saw the flames next door, she could hardly believe it. Her uncle even tried to save the men inside. She says, "he tried to break the window out to help them to see if he would get them but he said that he believed the smoke had already did them in." Dorothy believes a kerosene heater is probably to blame. But Spartanburg County Coroner Jim Burnett can't say how the men died just yet. Instead, Burnett will even have to use dental records to positively identify them because he says their bodies were burned beyond recognition. This year in Spartanburg County, Burnett says too many people have died in house fires. "It looks like we're gonna have at least 15 accidental house fire deaths this year if not more. This will be a record I believe by the time we get through December 31 I'm afraid this is gonna break the record."

December 26, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Did you do some on-line shopping during the holidays? If so, you were supposed to pay a "Use Tax" if you live in South Carolina, but many of us didn't follow the law. Of the more than a million people who paid state income tax last year in the Palmetto State, only 9300 paid a use tax. There is no way of knowing how many South Carolinians should be paying. The use tax could become more important if state lawmakers actually lower or cut out property taxes.

December 27, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The after Christmas frenzy kicked off today, sending tons of people to the Shops at Greenridge. Many shoppers came in search of sales, to return some gifts, and with strategies to avoid long lines, while other were surprised at how easy things seemed. Ross store manager John Leopard feels customers have been really easy to deal with, no complaints. It was another story for Margaret McWhorter over at Best Buy. Margaret McWhorter came to get a computer, got one, got it to the car and returned it ten minutes later only to end up paying a \$180.00 dollar restocking fee. A charge that's laid out in the fine print. She knows it's not the stores fault but it's still a hard lesson to learn. If you're returning items, remember to bring your receipts, know the stores return policy be patient and always read the fine print.

December 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Diamond Pet Food's twenty-two state voluntary recall began when two labs confirmed that dogs in New York died from eating Diamond dog food. On December 21st Diamond Pet Foods said in a statement that the deadly toxin, Aflatoxin, was found in both dog and cat food. But for at least one dog owner in Fountain Inn, the recall came too little, too late. Happy and healthy, those words describe Gina Woods dogs playing in the yard just a few weeks ago. But by Christmas three of her beloved dogs died. She told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I ain't slept, I ain't ate..this has been the worst year ever." She brought her dogs to the veterinarian on December 13th because they weren't eating. Then a week later Diamond Pet Foods issued a recall on products with a specific bar code because they contained a deadly toxin, aflatoxin. That recalled bar code matched the food Gina Woods fed her dogs and now three of her dogs are dead and another is barely alive. In a statement the vet says, "The clinical signs and test results are consistent with Aflatoxin exposure. But the toxicology results, which are the only way to confirm exposure, are not yet complete." So what is aflatoxin? The USDA says it's a naturally occurring toxic chemical that grows on corn and other crops and when consumed it's often fatal because there is no known cure. Woods says, "To some people dogs are dogs but to us, we have no children...these are our hairy kids." And now Gina Woods

worries the worst is yet to come. She says, "My babies are dying and I might not have anybody by the end of next week and they're not just dogs." Diamond Pet Foods is aware of this case and in a statement they said: "Diamond Pet Food has worked to be proactive with regard to our voluntary recall. The recall itself was extremely precautious. recalling product with date codes several weeks before and beyond the suspected target dates for tainted product. Our focus has been to get the word out, and prevent as many pet illnesses as possible. We have now initiated and staffed a Customer Information Center where our customers with health concerns related to the recall can receive counsel from a veterinarian by telephone, 866-214-6945. The guestion is now being raised as to whether or not we will pay for veterinary treatment. There will be specific circumstances where that will occur, but only those where a connection can be firmly established between tainted product and a pet illness. That plan will be formulated in the next 48 hours, and implemented by the end of the week. The goal will be to have a plan that is fair and consistent to everyone involved, including the client, their veterinarian and the Diamond Pet Food Company. This is the first product recall for our company in its 35-year history. Diamond Pet Foods has built its reputation putting our customers first by providing super premium quality products at a value price. Our customers need to know that tradition will continue." The toxicology reports that would confirm the dogs died from eating the dog food will come back in the next few weeks. For more information on the recall visit Diamond Pet Food's web site: http://www.diamondpet.com/ To contact the Woods, visit their web site: http://www.freewebs.com/pitsnstaffs/

December 29, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

South Carolina bartenders who have only worked with mini bottles are having to learn a new way of doing things. The free pour liquor law goes into effect January 1, 2006. Many bars and restaurants are in the process of training employees on how to accurately pour drinks. Some are using the exacto-pour system, which tests their knowledge and handiwork about how much is enough. They pour the liquor into a regular up, and then it's measured for accuracy. The standard free pour shot is one and a quarter ounce. If they don't come close, they have to keep trying. At 221 North on Main Street in downtown Greenville, bartenders must pass a free pour course using both hands before they will be allowed to work under the new free pour law.

Attachments

Crime

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH OUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: CRIME

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Saturdays 8pm COPS

(airs weekly)

Monday – Friday at 12 midnight (60:00) Monday – Friday at 3:30am (30:00)

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (60:00)

Saturdays 9pm AMERICA'S MOST WANTED

(airs weekly)

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday 10:00 pm CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> The Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

October 4, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A follow up on a story we first told you about this summer. Staci Brownlee was pulled over in Laurens County by Captain Michael Thomason of the Laurens County Sheriff's Office for reckless driving. Staci denies the accusation and claims the captain put her life in danger, pulling in front of her in an unmarked car, slamming on his brakes and pointing a gun at her. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, a jury found Brownlee not guilty of reckless driving. Her complaint against the captain is still being investigated.

October 6, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It has a street value of nearly a million dollars now it's in the custody of law enforcement. We're talking marijuana and a lot of it growing in one area. One person is in custody, others still on the run.

FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports investigators say this isn't the biggest pot operation but it is certainly the most elaborate. Even investigators who helped finish removing the huge amounts of marijuana Monday are impressed. Cpl. Ron Winegard/Department of Natural Resources: "its some good quality marijuana, they're growing". And you wouldn't believe where they were growing it. On state property just north of Highway 11 off Highway 178. FOX Carolina got video of the pot

farm from investigators. They say it's as big as a football field. Cpl. Ron Winegard/Department of Natural Resources: "You can smell it. It's an intoxicating smell you can smell it before we even got there you can smell the marijuana growing". The video shows some of the plants still in tact. Others already leveled by investigators. The people who grew the pot also used this area to camp out. They set up a tarp, with four tents— trashed the area with beer cans and food-- and even had small stoves to cook it with. But this is what makes the operation so elaborate. To charge their cell phones, investigators say they stuffed a tube with batteries as a power source. As for watering the plants they connected a long black pipe that fed from natural spring water with spider line to each plant. Cpl. Ron Winegard/Department of Natural Resources: "Just the level the way they cut it hanging upside down, drying it, it makes it more potent". Investigators accuse one man of being at the pot farm when they raided it last night but detectives think six others are on the run. An anonymous tip led D.N.R., the Forestry Service, SLED, and the Pickens County Sheriffs Office to the area. If you think you know something call 868-898-5500.

October 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Investigators with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office say a Walhalla man, Wayne Lee, spoke with an Anderson man over the Internet on Monday night. Parris Crosby was posing as a female on the Internet and advised Mr. Lee to come to his home located at 204 H St. Anderson, South Carolina. Lee arrived at the H street home of Crosby and his girlfriend, Jasmine Sanchez, on Tuesday morning. Lee told police that when he walked into the home, he was hit over the head with a crow bar, his hands were tied, he was wrapped in a blanket and then forced into his own car. Police say Lee was taken to a wooded area off of Highway 247 near Belton, when he was taken into the woods and stabbed in the neck. Lee was able to crawl to the side of the road and flag down a motorist. Lee was airlifted and transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery for his injuries. A routine traffic stop allowed deputies to capture the suspects.

17 year old Parris Crosby and 19 year old Jasmine Sanchez are charged with conspiracy to commit a crime, assault and battery with intent to kill, grand larceny, armed robbery and kidnapping. Crosby is also charged with possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. Both are being held at the Anderson County Detention Center.

October 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Anderson County Investigators desperately want to find the person who shot and killed a man in the Quality Foods Shopping Center Thursday night. On Friday afternoon, the parking lot was bustling with customers. But everyone is talking about the crime. Brenda Segars says she doesn't hardly go anywhere at night. "I stay at home. I just don't feel safe at night, "she says. A lot of people say they don't plan to come to this shopping center after dark. They're scared, after a man shot and killed Pete Wells outside Bamboo Garden while his wife sat in their car. "I just can't imagine what she's going through. I lost my husband but nothing like this. I just can't imagine what she's going through," Segars says. Some customers are now walking in pairs, like Pearl Hamilton. That's because the killer hasn't been caught. "Usually I have someone with me. My husband won't let me come out at night," Hamilton says. Even with a companion, she's still looking over her shoulder and changing her routine. "I have to. It's so dangerous. You can't come to the grocery store in peace." The suspect is described as a Black male, 6-feet tall and 225 pounds. He wore a dark shirt with a white t-shirt underneath it and dark pants. The Anderson County Sheriff's Office set up a special phone line with a detective waiting to take your tips. That phone number is 864-332-5453.

October 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

There are no state laws in North Carolina that restrict a sex offender from living within a certain distance to a school or public park . But in Henderson County, North Carolina there is a new way for you to find out who your neighbors are. Jack Drost is a Geographic Information Systems Analyst for Henderson County. In other words, he can take

just about any tangible information and make it into a map. And that's exactly what he's done for the Henderson County Sheriff 's Office. Up until now, taking a drive down a Henderson County street wouldn't tell you a whole lot about who lives where. But after collecting information on the close to 100 registered sex offenders in the county, Drost has made that information available with a simple click of the mouse. He says the idea is to make it accessible to everyone. The mapping system allows you to enter your address, and from the colored stars that pop up, you can narrow down how many registered sex offenders live within a certain radius to your home, or even your child's school. Drost says, "we take that and we make it into spatial and we put it on a map so you see he's there and I live here." To use the website, log on to www.hendersoncountync.org/gis/index.html and follow the links under Online Services and GIS Online.

October 17, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Although the FBI says the number of homicides and rapes in South Carolina is on the decline, South Carolina still has the second highest violent crime rate in the country. But officials and people we spoke to say numbers don't tell the whole story. Crime, it seems like it's everywhere you look these days. New FBI figures report South Carolina has some of the most violent crimes happening here in the country. For decades Earl Thompson and Robert Whiteside have called Laurens County home and they know this area rarely makes headlines but the last two days it did when two people were murdered here in unrelated cases. Thompson says, "Being a citizen of South Carolina you're free to talk to anybody, anywhere, knock on any doors and you would be welcome." His friend Robert Whiteside though was in shock at hearing that South Carolina has such a high crime rate. He says, I'm surprised...compared to Chicago, New York...I really think SC is a safe place." It's an issue for every county in South Carolina. Law Enforcement in Greenville agree saying we shouldn't take statistics at face value. Master Deputy Hildebrand told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "When you look at Greenville County the number of people now living here you have to take that into perspective as well." SLED Chief Stewart reportedly says the reason South Carolina has such a high violent crime rate is because South Carolina officials are more diligent at reporting it. For more information on South Carolina, visit the web site http://www.sled.state.sc.us/default.htm

October 19, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

New, gut-turning details about an 85 year old woman starved to death by her daughter. Close friends interviewed by detectives say they were ignored and that their testimony implicating the woman's daughter should have made the difference on sentencing day.

FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports Friday will make a week since the daughter learned she will spend two and a half years for admittedly neglecting and abusing her mother who later starved to death. Friends say two and a half years is a pitiful punishment and could have been avoided if only their stories were heard. Margaret Nixon's closest friends say they were more like family to her then Margaret's own daughter-- Rebecca Nixon. Dorothy McClain/Margaret's Friend: "I was destroyed. But I really wasn't surprised". Nearly a year ago Margaret's family of friends watched for three weeks as she died slowly in her hospital room. When Rebecca Nixon took her mother to the hospital—she weighed just 74 pounds. Her wrist-- shattered her ribs—crushed; and she had painful sores all over her body. All fingers were pointing at Rebecca Nixon. Joe McAlister/Margaret's Friend: "No, I don't think it's fair. I think if you said you did it to a horse or dog, you'd get a lot more time then that". Initially, the Oconee County Solicitor's Office charged Rebecca with being responsible for her mother's death by neglect. She faced up to 30 years in prison McClain: "(laugh)...I don't know who you can trust anymore. You're supposed to trust the people that are elected to do the job". When solicitor Chrissy Adams struck a last minute plea deal with Rebecca Nixon, Adams tells FOX Carolina the decision was based on different medical testimony, last minute reports, and a dispute between doctors about whether Margaret starved herself or if her daughter was really to blame. McClain: "Right now id like the truth about what happened to Margaret to come out". Margaret's friends insist Margaret wasn't capable of starving herself. They testified in sworn statements that Rebecca manipulated and dominated her mother and verbally and physically abused

her. All statements, they say, made available to Solicitor Adams who could have recommended a stiffer punishment to the judge—but instead said nothing. McAlister: "She didn't know Margaret and Becky like I know Margaret and Becky" Solicitor Adams responded to criticism that she didn't recommend punishment. Solicitor Chrissy Adams: "We left it up for the judge...We make recommendations all the time and we don't make recommendations all the time". Rebecca Nixon already served nearly half of her term pending trial. That time will count as time served leaving Nixon another year and a half to serve in jail. She's to report to the Oconee County Detention Center the first week of November.

October 23, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's taken ten years, but Spartanburg County investigators say they've got their man in the 1995 murder of a Roebuck hairstvlist. 27-year-old Dana Satterfield was raped, beaten and strangled to death inside her Roebuck salon. Investigators always believed Dana's killer lived nearby and knew his victim, but just recently confirmed that forensics evidence at the scene positively links the crime to Johnothan Vick. "She was a person that cared about other people," Dana's mother, Chyleen Fowler told FOX Carolina during an interview in 2001. At that time, the case remained unsolved, with no hard leads or suspects in sight. And ever since the crime on July 31, 1995, Dana's family and police have needed to put a face to her killer. Today, Johnothan Vick is charged with Dana's murder. A composite sketch of the suspect from 1995 is strikingly similar to Vick's 2001 mug shot, when he was arrested for criminal domestic violence. But investigators say it was forensic evidence left at the scene of the crime that positively linked Vick to Dana's murder. Laurel Shaver was close friends with Dana. We showed her Vick's mugshot today. She didn't recognize him, but told us his name sounded familiar. Shaver says Vick's arrest offers closure, but still leaves a lot of unanswered questions. "I just would like to know why. Why he would have went in and murdered her like that. What could have possessed him to kill like that and how could he go on with his life now?" Monday afternoon, as Vick was led away from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, he had only one comment to make. "I love my wife and daughters ... That's all that matters at this point to me," Vick said. Vick was only 17 when Dana was murdered, which means he's not eligible for the death penalty. But Sheriff Chuck Wright says Vick's arrest should send a clear message to anyone who thinks they can get away with murder. "Go ahead and confess. Make it easy on yourself, maybe you won't get life -- 'cuz we're gonna find you."

October 31, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A man is sentenced for his part in an Upstate conspiracy. The judge who decided his fate says the crimes have a ripple effect on everyone involved. " I feel horrible for everybody that has been involved in this," says Jessica Gleason, the sister of admitted criminal Larkin Bridges. His friends and family came to court Tuesday afternoon wearing homemade t-shirts asking for sympathy. Bridges brother, Gregory, addressed the judge, saying, "he only has one life that one life he can't spend all in jail he's got to be with his family." Bridges is a 26-year-old man with a lengthy criminal record. In August, he pleaded guilty to seven more charges, including three counts of kidnapping, criminal conspiracy and assault and battery with intent to kill. A police report from January 15, 2004 details a plan to get money from the owner of a logging company. Bridges is admittedly one of three masked men who bound up three workers with duct tape and then shot a fourth employee of the logging company as he drove down the road. Mark Padilla was the man shot, and he asked the court to give Bridges a stiff sentence. "He didn't show me no mercy and my family no mercy. I stayed in the hospital a month and a half and had two surgeries," explains Padilla. "I just about died." Bridges spoke to the judge and to his victims, offering an apology along with these words: "I was confused. When you made a sudden move and I was paranoid, I took a shot and I apologize for that." But for the men who survived the ordeal, justice means more than an apology from a criminal. "I thought when they got us on the ground we'd never get back up I figured we were gonna be killed," says Dennis Arledge, who was bound with duct tape. But Bridges family pleaded with the judge to recognize that he's learned from his mistakes. "I just ask you please, please go with your heart," Jessica Gleason told the judge. Bridges is already serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. Judge Hill sentenced him to 25-years each for the kidnapping charges. His sentencing will run concurrently with his armed robbery conviction. Bridges will first become eligible for parole after serving 85% of his prison term.

November 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Ten years ago Dario Lopez opened up this market so he could give Greenville a piece of home. He told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I came from Colombia looking for a better way of life." But just last week he almost lost his life when a man came into his store and put a gun to his head, in the middle of the day. Lopez says, "We're putting our life on the line. At any moment someone could have a gun in his hand and ask you for money." And then cops say this Sunday someone broke into his store again and stole the cash register. Over the last few month's his American dream slowly became a nightmare. He says, "They're letting the criminals get a foot hole in Greenville. They're basically letting them do whatever they want to." Lopez is talking about Greenville County investigators. He wants them to do more to protect him and other Hispanic business owners who just want to work and live in peace. He says, "The criminals might think it's easier to get into our businesses because we don't have close ties with law enforcement." And now the store that was once a big part of his life may close down because Lopez fears the day will come when someone might lose their life here. He says, "It's not worth it to risk your life for such a small thing because at any moment you could get shot."

November 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Greenville police have arrested several local teenagers in connection with a weekend shooting at Haywood Mall. Marcus McGreer, Roderickys Ball, and Kevin Bryant are all part of one group who police say tried to intimidate, lynch and assault a second group of people inside the mall. Cops say McGreer later fired the shot inside the Dillards entrance that hit twenty year old Lewis Sullivan in the foot. The victim was not involved in the fight between the two groups and didn't know any of the people involved either according to police. Since the shooting mall security has been increased with the help of Greenville Police. Shopper Paul Bennett says he's seen first hand just how bad it can get at the mall these days. He told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, it's mainly a bunch of hoodlums with chips on their shoulder. Saturday night's shooting is actually a part of a growing list of violent crimes. This summer gunfire in the parking lot sent customers running for cover. In that shooting a teenager was also shot and survived. In June cops say the man seen in surveillance video stalked and then groped a woman by her car. And four years ago seventy-four year old Juliet Stukenbroeker was dragged to her death when a man snatched her purse. But Greenville detective Stacey Owens still says the mall is a safe place to shop. He told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "Anytime something like this happens we beef up security...so I wouldn't feel frightened at all to go there tonight (Halloween.) And most customers we spoke to seem to agree. Justin Martin says, It doesn't make me more afraid, won't minimize me going to the mall at all." His friend Alisha Bazemore agreed. She says, "I grew up in a place that was pretty dangerous. I'm used to it, I guess I'm immune, but maybe that's not a good thing to be." A representative with the Haywood Mall says that although the mall is looking into different security measures, they are not planning to put in place a curfew

November 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A tractor trailer chase ends in a deadly crash in Greenville. It happened on East Parkins Mill Road off Laurens Road. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, an officer tried to pull over the big rig after several calls that the driver hit two cars on Laurens road. That's when the driver sped up on Parkins Mill and slammed into several trees. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene and the crash left 500 people in the area without power. Greenville investigators are linking the truck driver

to several stolen tractor trailers in recent days. They say more than \$100,000 in merchandise was stolen from two Wal-Mart Super centers and a Save-Mor store in Greenville County.

November 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Greenville County deputies say it all happened at the Wal-Mart on Woodruff Road. Although this Wal-Mart stays open 24 hours, deputies say it didn't happen in the middle of the night. The incident happened during rush hour around six PM. Fortunately deputies believe they caught a glimpse of the suspect on store surveillance video. Deputies want you to take a close look at the man seen on the surveillance video. Deputies say you shouldn't be fooled by his casual stroll because this man isn't looking for the latest CD, he might be looking for his next victim. One mother who spoke exclusively to Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark says, "It's a public store, it always has a lot of people. You never think something could happen in just a few minutes." This past Wednesday, while she shopped for shampoo her nine year old son asked to look at some toys in the next aisle over. She says just two minutes later he came running back, looking very pale. She says, "He (her son) approached me and said a guy did something bad to him and we have to leave the store." Deputies say that man is the one seen in the surveillance video. The child says while he was looking at toy motorcycles, the man grabbed his hand and placed it on his crotch. "I was so scared. He always says nobody can touch me because I would yell but he didn't, he ran away." She says she always taught her son to watch out for strangers especially during the busy holiday shopping season. Although the assault lasted less than a minute, it's that minute, those few seconds that can change a life forever. She says, "Now he (her son) grabs my hand and he's really close to me. He doesn't let my hand go because he's afraid." A Wal-Mart spokesperson, Karen Burke, called Fox Carolina with a statement. She said, "We're working closely with the local authorities and adapt accordingly so we can continue to provide a safe environment for our customers."

November 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A mother-- busted. Police say she threw house parties and even bought the booze. Problem? The partiers were underage. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports about the 58 year old mother. She turned herself in after the Greenville County Sheriff's Office gave her that option. Edna Patterson was booked, fingerprinted and mugged. Now, she's back at home. It is here-- in this pricey neighborhood--where the parties were allegedly hosted. Neighbors who just moved in nearly a year ago remember one of them very well. Ms. Watts/Neighbor: "There was a lot of noise so I had to call the police to come guiet things down". We don't know if adults supervised the parties but investigators are telling us Patterson bought alcohol and allowed children under 18 to drink it. Patterson is officially charged with providing the alcohol to at least 9 minors between July and August. We're told, students from a variety of schools in Greenville county were invited. Ms. Watts: "I don't feel like it is appropriate in our neighborhood. That is not something you would expect". We invited ourselves to Patterson's home earlier to ask her side of the story and our knocks went unanswered. Later we reached Patterson on the telephone and she denied the charges before telling us her lawyer advised her not to comment. Meanwhile, some parents with kids who went to those parties are commenting to FOX Carolina-- upset their teens may have been given alcohol. But we caught up with one teen who says the parents don't know the real story. Rollins Breland says he went to the parties: "Personally I am very surprised I really wouldn't think that. And all that seems very unlikely because every single party has been just pizza and talk a little bit". Patterson is C.E.O. of C.B.A. An Atlanta-based company that designs and creates classrooms, computer labs and libraries. Even a few here in South Carolina. The company's website lists Greenville County Schools as a reference. Patterson could spend as much as 27 years in jail and/or pay as much as \$27,000 in fines.

November 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Around six pm Monday night Greenville County deputies discovered the bodies of a man and a woman at a home located at 932 Piedmont Highway. Investigators are calling their deaths suspicious. Investigators say it all started when a local day care center called the sheriff's department because a child had not been picked up. The department dispatched a deputy to the child's home. The deputy says he noticed a child at the window and the door unlocked. He entered the home and discovered blood and called for back-up. Deputies then searched the home and that's when they found the bodies. So far investigators have been unable to identify the victims and have not said what the cause of death may been either. As of Tuesday night, both children who are said to be under the age of ten, are in the custody of the sheriff's department.

November 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Two women offering to take your "Stress Away" at a massage parlor are hauled away. An undercover officer says they were offering sex to clients at their business. Monday our cameras went inside. Fox Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, some of your complaints to the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office initiated the undercover operation. Investigators say they found exactly what some of you thought was happening at the massage parlor. Stress Away-- it sits on Main Street in Duncan between a drug store and a sandwich store. We're told regulars use the back door, we used the front. You can't see it but a security camera is above my head watching me ring the doorbell several times until this woman answers. Reporter: "You do massages here"?; Woman: "Yes".; Reporter: "Massages"?; Woman: "Yeah". But investigators say when they went undercover they were offered a lot more then a massage. These women-- arrested, after an agent says one of them offered a sexual act for \$60. Two sexual acts for \$150. Woman: "Accu-pressure massage. Oil massages"; Reporter: "Ok, is that all? Sex?"; Woman: "No".; Reporter: "Oral sex"?; Woman: "No"; Reporter: "Any kind of sex"?; Woman: "No, no".; We asked the woman for a peek inside. She led us to room 3. It's a very small room. A massage table was shoved against the wall and takes up most of the space. There's also a metal chair in one corner, a full length mirror on the wall, and behind the door-shelves with towels. Some unmarked bottles with liquid sit on the top shelf.. But investigators say when they were here they found a lot of condoms and a lot of cash-- about \$15,000 of it. Woman: "Massage and pain massages"; Reporter: "But no sex"?; Woman: "No"; Both women busted are in their 40's and charged with solicitation, prostitution, and operating a prostitution house. Monday night, Stress Away, was still open.

November 23, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Greenville County deputies are now calling what happened to a young couple Monday night at their home on Piedmont Highway, a double murder. They were a young married couple who neighbors say just moved into the rented home this past summer. The coroner says the victims are twenty-seven year old Juan Carlos Martinez and his twenty-one year old Claudia Martinez. She was shot numerous times, her husband shot once and also stabbed several times. They left behind two small children. One may have watched his parents die. Deputies were alerted by the Northwest Crescent Development Center. An employee called the sheriff's office concerned because the Martinez's daughter had not been picked up. A deputy was dispatched and says he saw a toddler at the window and the front door unlocked. Inside he found blood and called for back-up. That's when deputies discovered the bodies. The coroner says the scene inside the home was "extremely traumatic especially with a two year old there." So far deputies do not have a motive or a suspect.

December 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Every day millions of people download images of children and babies being raped, including a Greenville businessman. It's a crime on the local level and on the federal level. So why isn't he headed to jail? FOX Carolina's

Jamie Guirola reports, the Greenville man will not see a day in jail for downloading 500 hundred pictures of kids being forced to do the unthinkable. And when we set out to find out why-- everyone seems to point the finger at someone else. Even with more than half of the charges against John Watson dropped, or lumped together, he still faced 150 years in prison. And before the judge passed a sentence he allowed the prosecution to make its recommendation. Prosecutor: "In a general sense all of these clearly show a child is visibly under the age of 18". Out of the 150 years in jail, the solicitor's office didn't recommend one day. Only that' Watson's computer be destroyed. Rightfully so, says Watson's lawyer-- who himself, was once the solicitor of Greenville County. FOX Carolina: "If you were solicitor what would you have thought about this"? Joe Watson/John Watson's Attorney: "Well when I was solicitor it was such a long time ago there weren't that many computers around". We took today's pedophile sentencing to the National Association to Protect Children, or PROTECT. Its reaction- appalled. Grier Weeks/PROTECT: "These crimes are extremely serious crimes. The people who traffic child porn have created a huge international market and that market requires the children to be abused and tortured in ways we can't even talk about". And apparently ways no one else can talk about. Investigators in the Watson case expressed disappointment in Wednesday's sentence off camera. When we tried to get an official reaction we were told those investigators would be reprimanded-- it's unprofessional to question how the Solicitors Office handles the charges. So we went to the Solicitors Office, that says really, it has no role in the sentencing-- it's all up to the judge The judge didn't return our call. Grier Weeks/PROTECT: "The prosecutor and the judge owe the people of Greenville County an explanation". PROTECT says every week 49,000 images of children being raped are downloaded-- and just looking at them should be just as criminal as forcing the children to pose for them. Grier Weeks: "Absolutely, this sends a message that we don't take crimes against children seriously". The Solicitor, Bob Ariail dismisses PROTECT's criticisms- calling the organization's comments irresponsible. And the only reason it involved itself in this case is because we at FOX Carolina asked for an opinion. Even though the solicitor did make a recommendation in this particular case, Bob Ariail says his office usually does not make a recommendation of jail time.

December 1, 2005 10:00 The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Police say a group of friends is behind a crime spree in the area that includes a home invasion and several car thefts. Mike Warner showed FOX Carolina where thieves cut the wall into his dealership office--looking for goods. "We just couldn't imagine somebody coming in off the road with as much light as there is out here and cutting those wires to get in." They grabbed car keys to his expensive ride and drove off the lot. "745 IL BMW's, E500 Mercedes Sports, some are X5's. The nice stuff. The nicest stuff we had is what they took." Investigators say Stephen Young, Young's girlfriend Carey Gentry and James Hairr are accused of stealing six cars from Mike Warner Imports in November. But it doesn't stop there. James Hairr is accused of stealing three state vehicles next door from Mountain View Tire and Service.

"He thought it was cool to ride around and people think he's a probation officer," says Detective Jeanne Boliek But there's more. Carl Williams is accused of tying up a 95-year-old woman during a home invasion in October and threatening her with a knife. And investigators say James Hairr was with him. "Threatened to kill her. Threatened her by saying if you call the police we know where you live, we'll get you. We'll get your family too." Williams and Hairr allegedly took cash and another expensive car. "They stole her Mercedes which is right in line with what they steal. They steal high-end import vehicles." Police recovered all the stolen cars, including two cars that were totaled during two police chases. U.S. Marshalls arrested Hairr on Friday. He was naked under his girlfriend's bed. That woman, Christina Walton is charged with harboring a fugitive. They're all behind bars and more arrests are expected.

December 1, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A thief is still at large, but the Henderson County Sheriff's Office says they're now headed down the right track to find him. According to Detective Darrin Whitaker with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, "After the news aired last night at ten o'clock, approximately five to six minutes later we received a tip." That tip came from the suspect's sister, she said the man in

the surveillance video was her brother, Rodney Wayne Swan. Swan's brother-in-law, Greg Wilburn says, "Obviously we were a bit surprised at first, but after a bit of thought his life has kind of been going down that path."

Swan's family wasn't the only one who noticed he was the focus of several robbery investigations in the Naples Community in Henderson County. According to Detective Whitaker, "A family member we'd been talking to received a phone call from him and said he said he'd seen himself on the news." And just after watching himself and hearing officers say they were searching for him, another business and church were broken into and robbed overnight. Detectives say the same man they've been searching for, Rodney Swan is responsible, "His tennis shoes are tying him to every break-in."

But they also say this time Swan made sure he wasn't caught on tape. "He did take the surveillance tape out of the recorder," explained Detective Whitaker. But officials say they are confident they'll find Swan, thanks to his sister's call.

Wilburn says, "It's mixed feelings because he is my brother-in-law and my wife did the calling so it's her brother, but again we're just really concerned about him and his safety....Obviously not glad to see him behind bars or in jail, but maybe this will give him a chance to take a look at where he's at." Officers say the best bet is for Swan to turn himself in, his family agrees. "We love you, we're praying for you and if you are responsible for this just turn yourself in and be careful, I don't want anybody getting hurt in this whole situation," said Wilburn. The Henderson County Sheriff's Office says Swan has 7 warrants out for his arrest for breaking and entering and larceny.

December 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An attempted robbery turned murder left a Greenville County businessman dead almost twelve years ago. On Friday, December 2, 2005, his killer is scheduled to be executed for the crime. Dickie Smith ran the Max Saver convenience store in Fountain Inn with his brother, Curran, who says, "he and I were in business together at the convenience store and it was really going great." So on new years day in 1994, Dickie opened the store early. But, Dickie's sister, Kathy Carpenter, says "he never thought he was opening to someone who was gonna kill him." Eddie Blackwell and Shawn Humphries were some of the first customers that day. But moments after they walked in the door, an attempted robbery led to a single gunshot that ended Dickie's life. Carpenter recalls, "when he walked into the store that day ... Shawn Paul Humphries went up to the front and shot my brother ... he ran out the door and left my brother there to die." Humphries has been on death row ever since. Carpenter says Humphries could have easily changed his fate. "I'm afraid he made a very bad decision that day. He could have gone in there and he could have had a free breakfast that morning and he could of thought -- that is a really nice guy ... But he never got a chance to know my brother ...". Every day is still tough for Dickie Smith's family. "It hasn't been the same for us anymore after that," says Curran Smith. Carpenter adds, "time has passed -- for other people -- but for us we live Dickie's death every day." Now, part of the Smith's every day lives are filled with memories of the man they lost, but will never forget. Carpenter sums up her brother's life while choking back tears. "Dickie was wonderful. He had so much life in him. He was just a joy to always be around. He's always in our hearts. Yes, he is." The Smith family says they have forgiven Shawn Humphries for his crimes. Carpenter will be one of three witnesses from the Smith family to watch Humphries execution. FOX Carolina's Tami Birckner will serve as a media witness.

December 3, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Many times slumping store profits can be blamed on a store's employees. We're not talking about all employees-just the ones who steal. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, that means all of us end up paying more at the cash register. This holiday season we've told you a lot about shoplifting-- and asked you to help police if you know anything. Rarely, do we tell you, or do we hear, about the thieves who are also the people that ring us up. This is the typical shoplift. It's at Dillard's in Greenville. Watch as the man browses through the aisle, then lays clothes on top of the rack. When he finds the right size-- he jets for the door. He really realized the security camera was focused on him. Richard Hollinger/ University of Florida: "Retailers that spend more money on security have less shrinkage". Shrinkage is an industry term for retailers that lose merchandise. And according to a study out of Florida, the biggest reason for shrinkage isn't shoplifters-- it's store employees. And we're not talking employees who make administrative and clerical errors. We're talking dishonest employees who cost us ten and a half billion dollars. Rex Gillette/ADT Security: "Retail today has gone through a large consolidation and it is very

complicated...dishonest employees and shoplifters tend to go the path of least resistance....because its much easier to steal" The report finds employee theft has gone down slightly-- largely because of more visible security cameras and tags on clothing. Measures honest shoppers re thankful for.

December 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

On Friday night Greenville County deputies found a woman dead on the front lawn of a home on Locust Avenue. Neighbor Rhonda Moore says, "When the lady walked over this way the man shot her in the face and she fell dead." Deputies say Johnny Davis is that man and the woman who was shot dead is Annette Booker. Deputies believe what happened was an all too familiar scene, a domestic dispute turned deadly. Ronnie Scott, a good friend of the victim, says, "They fought a lot. They been together 5,6,7 years. She was a nice woman. Whatever Johnny did it had to have alcohol involved." Neighbors say the victim and Davis, who both live just down the road, were arguing. She then ran into a home on Locust Avenue to call police and when she came outside, Davis was waiting and shot Booker to death. Moore says, "He was like standing there saying I'm so sorry it's an accident...well hold up wait on the police." Deputies say Davis fled on foot and they arrested him a short time later at a friend's home just a quarter mile away. Davis is now being held with bond at the Greenville County Detention Center.

December 6, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The Grand Food Convenience Store in Greer may have been closed today at 2:30 in the morning on Monday, but that doesn't mean what happened here wasn't seen. Store surveillance video caught a bold bandit breaking the glass door with a crow bar, opening the door, then wrapping the ATM with a cable so he could rip it out with the help of his bright yellow Chevy S-10 pick-up truck. Store alarms then alerted police and store manager, Donald Speeny. He told Fox Carolina's, Lidia St. Mark, "When I pulled up...the ATM was destroyed, parts strewn around the store." Although the robber didn't get the cash, he did cause thousands of dollars worth of damage. Speeny says, "We're looking at steel roll down doors now..they broken windows too many times." Speeny, who's seen his fair share of break-in, thinks may be the work of a pro. He says, "This appeared to be planned...when his time hit, he was gone." But Speeny's hopeful with the help of the tape, deputies, and a tipster, this botched burglary will be the robber's and this area's last. If you know anything about this incident call Crime-Stoppers at 58-Crime. Crimestoppers offers a \$500 reward but the store owner is also offering an additional \$1000.

December 6, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The intersection of Old Spartanburg and Hudson Road couldn't have been busier on Monday. But Greenville County deputies say that didn't stop a man from trying to kidnap a woman who works for the Bank of America. Deputies want everyone to take a close look at the sketch of that man. The victim describes him as balding, about five foot seven and in his 30s. She says he was driving a dark blue van. News of the attack could be summed up in word by many bank customers: scary. Chris Tsonis says, "It's freaky, very freaky and scares the hell out of me. I have four teenage daughters so this really frightens me for this area." The victim says she was headed to her car on her lunch hour when the man was looking at her and made an "obscene gesture." He then grabbed her and tried to put her in the van, but she fought back and managed to get inside her car and hit the door locks. For many customers the attack was a sobering reminder that no one is safe. Fifteen year old Angie Valencia says, "I think that in high school they should you techniques to protect yourself from things like that...I wouldn't have an idea how to act, I wouldn't." Deputies say the most important thing the victim did was not allow herself to get in that van because they say once a victim is transported, the chances of coming back alive are slim to none. If you have information, call Crime-Stoppers at 23-Crime.

December 7, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Anderson investigators say they have a suspect in connection with a string of burglaries at Anderson churches. Deputies say Carl Trapp is a suspect in some of the thirty-three break-ins that have occurred since January 1st. On Tuesday night church leaders and members gathered together at the county council meeting to express their concerns in order to prevent more break-ins from happening again. Police say it's all happening in the south side of town at mostly African American churches. Rev Jarvis Brown who attended tonight's meeting says, "We felt violated...we want to know who's responsible for this. We live in desperate times, it's to be expected." But not accepted according to Pastor W.T. Lewis whose church was also hit. He says thieves stole over twelve thousand dollars worth of equipment. That's why he and other church members attended county council's meeting tonight. He says, "I think it's a disgrace, people are sick and it's a disease that will spread if we don't do anything to stop it." A disease he believe is caused by drug use. A spread he hopes more deputies can help fight. "They're (deputies) moving a little slow we just like them to move a little faster." Ultimately church members and officials came here hoping for some answers and in the end justice.

December 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A bold robber walked away from an area convenience store with a load of cash. It happened at the Hot Spot on North Blackstock Road in Spartanburg County. A clerk says a man walked up to the register and handed her a note demanding money and threatened her with a gun. She says the robber kept putting his hands inside his coat as if he had a weapon. She gave him the money and he took off toward Interstate 26. Anyone with information in the case is asked to call Spartanburg County Crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

December 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Two sisters are back in the upstate Thursday night. One is home, the other in police custody. Meanwhile, their grandmother recovers in a Georgia hospital room from severe burns. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, it's hardly what any family wants to deal with during the holidays and what started Wednesday morning is sure to continue for months to come in the home, hospital and the courts. It is an image of a 16 year old no parent wants to think of. Thursday, 16 year old Keonte Hines returned from Forsythe, Georgia chained by the waste and escorted by detectives, her hands cuffed-- her hair disheveled. The teenager, silent. But detectives tell us the notes she left behind say enough. Calling them a check list investigators say Hines detailed how she would force her 10 year old sister Tylameka Hines in the car and then beat up their grandmother. Sheriff Chuck Wright/Spartanburg County: "If someone does something like that especially to a family member you just have to become concerned about everybody around them". On Wednesday, instead of getting ready for school, Hines allegedly used a barbell to beat her grandmother over the head then threw burning water on her. Hines is also accused of stealing her grandmother's money and ATM card before snatching her little sister and stealing the car-- using maps printed from the computer to drive to Forsythe. That's where someone paying attention to the amber alert spotted the car they were in-- parked in motel parking lot. Both girls were found unharmed. The Sheriff's Office tells us Hines did try and use the ATM card but didn't know the pin number. The grandmother wasn't found until the girls' mother returned home from working a third shift.

December 27, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

One of the shooting victims in an apparent business dispute remains in an Asheville hospital today. Warrants have been issued charging an insurance agency owner with attempted murder after two men were shot during a meeting about selling the company. Police say businessman Jim Tedesco has been charged in warrants with two counts of attempted murder. Police were in contact with Tedesco last night through phone calls trying to get him to turn himself in. Police didn't return a telephone call today seeking information. The shooting victims were 53-year-old Murray Wilson of Black Mountain and 33-year-old Michael Ezell of Waynesville. Ezell is still recovering today at Mission Hospitals with numerous gunshot wounds. Wilson treated and released yesterday.

December 27, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A Wal-Mart employee was shot and the suspected shooter was later shot by police, officials said. Police were still looking for another suspect in the Monday night shooting early Tuesday morning in northwest Georgia. Jeannie Dodd, of Chickamauga, said she was entering the store's parking lot when she saw a man standing on the passenger side of a pickup truck with a toolbox. She said she saw him pull a handgun from the box and fire shots at a vehicle that was leaving the parking lot. He then went into the store and started shooting, she said. Brandon Harris and his wife, Jennifer, of LaFayette, were on the west side of the parking lot. "I saw him put a blue bandanna across his face," Brandon Harris said. The couple said they saw a police car drive into the parking lot. They said an officer then got out and fired several shots. Hernan Gomez, said he saw someone who had been injured by a gunshot. "He was bleeding bad. They started using paper towels to get the blood, it was crazy," Gomez said. At least one person was transported to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. Fort Oglethorpe Police Chief Doug Howell said only that several shots had been fired and the incident was under investigation.

December 30, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Greenville County investigators are looking into a rash of armed robberies targeting pizza places. Police say a man entered the Pizza Hut on Pelham Road Wednesday, put a gun to the manager's head and demanded money. Another employee was had his head cut when the robber hit him with the gun. The Sheriff's Office is looking into the robbery of a Dominos Pizza delivery woman. She was robbed after she dropped off a pizza at a home near Earle Drive and Whitehorse Road. The victim says the robber put a gun to her head and demanded cash. Investigators are not sure if the cases are related. So far, no arrests have been made in either case.

December 30, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A group of teenagers have been charged in a rash of break-ins in Spartanburg County. Deputies are searching for seventeen-year-old Korinthian Murphy and sixteen-year-old Bryant Pickens in connection with seven break-ins in the Lyman area earlier this month. The duo face twenty-six charges ranging from burglary to petit larceny. A fourteen-year-old and fifteen-year-old also face charges. They will be prosecuted in family court.

December 30, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O 'clock News

Description:

Greenville County Deputies have made an arrest in a murder that happened in March of this year. 37 year old Archi Allen Hicks has been arrested for the murder of 48 year old Dennis Kring, Jr. Kring had been reported missing in February and his body was found in the Reedy River at Connesstee in March. Now Hicks is in custody under no bond. Authorities are continuing their investigation and ask that anyone with any information about this crime call CrimeStoppers. There is a possibility that there may be others involved in this homicide.

Attachments

Education

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH QUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

October 6, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Some teachers in the upstate now have a memo in their hands that has a lot of parents upset. It says stop organized prayer in the classroom and stop giving students bibles. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the memo from administrators was written after a mother filed a complaint with the district. We're told she was upset because her children were subjected to open prayer in the classroom and offered bibles. The bible is one of the oldest books in the world and one of the world's best-sellers. But one thing it is not-- a textbook in the classroom. Still, free copies were made available for students in Anderson District 2. It serves Honea Path and Belton. Very small communities with very strong convictions that also feel their right to pray is under attack. Stephanie Hunter/Parent: "Prayer is in the center of the community and God is in the one in charge of everything". And that's why when one person challenges long-standing traditions and wins it doesn't go over very well with the majority Rev. Arnold Hiette/Barkers Creek Baptist Church: "We're not going to back down here; we're not going to give it up". The mother-- who is afraid of public backlash—remains anonymous to everyone but the people she complained to. And they agreed with her. Warning teachers would be in violation of state and federal law if they continued open prayers and passing out bibles. Administrators tell FOX Carolina not complying risks high legal fees and losing federal and state money. And says a public body can't distribute literature unless the opportunity exists for other organized religions. But moments of silence are allowed. The majority here plans to be anything but silent. Rev. Arnold Hiette: "We have religious freedom too and we want to exercise that religious freedom".

October 31, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Things are returning to normal at a North Carolina high school this weekend, after a cafeteria brawl ended in more than a dozen arrests. Fifteen students were taken into custody at Mecklenburg High School in Huntersville Thursday. About 700 students were eating in the cafeteria when the fight broke out. The fight was originally between two boys but escalated when their sisters prevented police to subdue the teens. Officers ended up using a taser gun on one male and one female student to get them under control. Those students were sent to the hospital along with five others who were treated for minor injuries. Officers say they used tasers because they felt their lives were in danger because of the surging crowd. Friday students were greeted with extra security and attendance was down sixteen percent.

November 21, 2004 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A parent is accused of assaulting two other parents outside Brushy Creek Elementary School. It all happened when the kids were going home for the day on Wednesday. Greenville County Investigators say that's when some parents got into it--leading to a shouting match, two parents assaulted and one parent getting arrested. That parent is Andrew Faust, who's facing assault and battery and breach of peace charges. A report says he was angry some kids were making fun of his son. It says he went

after those kids' parents--yelling and cursing at them. He hit one woman on her head and shoved another in her chest. The Greenville County Schools spokesperson tells FOX Carolina there is a no trespassing order for both Andrew Faust and his wife, who was reportedly there during the incident.

Attachments

Environment

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH OUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

November 21, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

For the most part, flights at G.S.P. are on time but there are several cancelled flights and delays, FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, millions of us will travel for Thanksgiving this year. 37.3 million to be exact. More than half that choosing to fly instead of drive-- are flying into a storm system and cold snap no one wants over for the holidays. The first three people we found at G.S.P today had troubles none of us would be thankful for. Suzie Bates/Flight Delayed: "We had a little delay flying out of Ohio with a connection Cleveland". Matt Reese/Missed Flight: "They had to bump me to next one, then at 5:55 they sent me to a different airline on standby and that didn't happen". Michael Chestnut: "I was supposed to be here 30 minutes before my flight took off. I got here 25 minutes before it took off, so now I'm stuck here". Chestnut is a student at Clemson. He's also part of the club of infrequent fliers not used to new rules and self-service ticket machines that leave passengers with no room for scheduling errors. Chestnut: "Now I have to spend the night here. I guess I'll take extended version of the GSP tour. I don't know what else I'm going to do" Same goes for Reese who is also a student at Clemson. He was also a few minutes late, but if he's stuck at G.S.P. he doesn't plan to spend the night there. Reese: "I bought the latest Popular Science. I'm just hanging out and saving the battery on my laptop for the flight" And Bates from Ohio reminds us-- it's not over until it's over. After a day of waiting and flying she's finally here. But now she has to wait for her ride. Reese: "I'm here. I'm going to rest up a for a few days and the go back to the old drudge of working. Sunday is the second busiest travel day.

November 23, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It was a snowy Tuesday in parts of Western North Carolina, the first of the season. More snow is expected for Wednesday, for some it could be their first sight of snow, others are already counting the inches. The temps are dropping, the wind is blowing and the snow is falling, but not for everyone, in places like Hendersonville and Etowah this ice is the only sign of freezing. According to Dwayne Almany of Etowah, "Just flurries up this way, I work up at Lake Toxaway and it snowed up there about all day." It's hard to believe less than ten miles away it's a winter wonderland. In Haywood and Transylvania counties it looks and feels like Christmas, and it's not even Thanksgiving, which means the busiest travel day of the season isn't even here yet, already several inches of snow have fallen and ice this still on the roads, so if you have travel plans this holiday you made need to take an alternate route. If you do decide to brave the slick roads, local residents have some advice. "Be careful, watch out for snow, the higher you get, the slicker it is," says Almany. Make sure your car is ready for snowy, icy roads. That includes good tread on your tires and of course, taking it slow. Despite the tricky slick roads on Mount Pisgah, it's business as usual as nearby restaurants like Pizza Hut. Pizza Hut server, Cassie Adams says, "Actually we do get a lot of people that'll come in, usually later in the evening, they want to get out and get something to eat, my dad, he loves to get out and go driving in the snow." But you can always stay indoors, safe and warm and enjoy nature's beauty from there. For Adams, she says, "I like seeing the pretty snow."

Attachments

Government

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED FOURTH OUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 10:00 am FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

October 5, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

There are no state laws in North Carolina that restrict a sex offender from living within a certain distance to a school or public park . But in Henderson County, North Carolina there is a new way for you to find out who your neighbors are. Jack Drost is a Geographic Information Systems Analyst for Henderson County. In other words, he can take just about any tangible information and make it into a map. And that's exactly what he's done for the Henderson County Sheriff 's Office. Up until now, taking a drive down a Henderson County street wouldn't tell you a whole lot about who lives where. But after collecting information on the close to 100 registered sex offenders in the county, Drost has made that information available with a simple click of the mouse. He says the idea is to make it accessible to everyone. The mapping system allows you to enter your address, and from the colored stars that pop up, you can narrow down how many registered sex offenders live within a certain radius to your home, or even your child's school. Drost says, "we take that and we make it into spatial and we put it on a map so you see he's there and I live here." To use the website, log on to www.hendersoncountync.org/gis/index.html and follow the links under Online Services and GIS Online.

November 22, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

There's about to be a new "twist" in emergency services, specifically when it comes to alerting the public and it's being tried out in the Upstate. Thousands of Anderson County residents had their phones ringing Monday with an emergency test message it's all part of a new Reverse Alert System about to be put into place. According to Taylor Jones, the Anderson County Deputy Director of Emergency Services Division, "It's a way we can get crisis information out to the public in a timely manner, to warm them of some impending situation." "It's a very convenient, fast way to reach out to the community if there is any type of emergency whether it be weather, some type of hazmat incident, it's just a real easy way to reach out to the community to make them as safe as possible," says 911 Dispatcher, Angela Kelly. "It" is the new Reverse Alert System, which notifies the community automatically when an emergency situation arises. Officials simply select an area to alert, set up the phone message and thousands of calls are made in a matter of minutes. Depending when and where it's needed, the reverse alert can be a life-saver. "If you have an emergency at 3:00 in the morning, sirens go off, other notifications, televisions, stuff like that, people are in bed and don't hear it, in today's society with all the technology you need to be able to wake somebody up and give them specific instructions for what to do," says Jones.

And 911 Dispatchers like Kelly say once the system is up and running the community will be the ones who benefit, "In the beginning, they might wonder why they're getting these messages or recordings, but once we get the word out, I think the community will really appreciate it." Jones agrees, "This is a system that has the potential to save a lot of lives in Anderson County and we look forward to seeking ways to implement this technology." Several more tests will be conducted in the next few months as the county decides which vendor works best with their 911 system. They county says they hope to have the Reverse Alert System implemented within the next three to four months.

December 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Former Governor Carroll Campbell left behind a huge legacy, not only to the people of South Carolina, but to those who knew him personally as well. Governor Campbell impacted millions of lives through is role in politics, but to the people who knew him on a personal level, they say there's another side to the governor not many people know about, but it's a side they hold dear to their hearts. According to Bob McAlister, a friend and colleague of Campbell's, "There's only one Carroll Campbell." If you take a look around Bob's office, it's obvious there was a special bond between the two. McAlister and Campbell were friends and colleagues since the early '70's and have been through countless conversations and experiences. Bob was at Carroll's side when Hurricane Hugo was bearing down on the South Carolina coast in 1989.

"He made a decision early on to evacuate much of the coast, a mandatory evacuation, which saved lives," says McAlister, "He [Campbell] went down for the first time, to the coast, the day after the Hurricane and I've got a lot of pictures of those days, he came back, went into the office and closed the door." Behind that door Bob says the governor was filled with emotion after facing the devastation. "There was the governor with his head in his hands and he was crying and he looked up and said, 'it's all gone,' he said, 'the coast is all gone,' reminisced McAlister. Since that time, Bob and Carroll remained close, spending time together professionally and personally and through the diagnosis of Alzheimer's.

According to Bob, Campbell, "accepted it, but he refused to give into it." While the news of the on-set of Alzheimer's was tough for Bob to take, the call he received Wednesday morning from Carroll's son, Mike, was one of the hardest. Bob says Mike told him "His dad had been taken to the hospital and it didn't look good, I got a call back a few minutes later, said dad just died." As for the family's reaction, Bob says, "Yeah, there were tears, sure there were tears, but there was also a peace knowing the governor's in heaven, knowing he doesn't have Alzheimer's anymore." Now looking back on the years with the governor and his friend, Bob credits Carroll with his success and accomplishments in his life, "If it hadn't been for Carroll Campbell, I wouldn't be here." It's a truth that the governor himself spoke about at Floyd Spence's funeral, "realize that everybody here has been touched by one man." McAlister says one of Campbell's most important legacies is that a man from a small area, like Greenville County, can make a huge impact, like he did.

December 29, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Ice storm debris still litters the Upstate, but federal help could be on the way. Wednesday, South Carolina Emergency Management Division crews spent time assessing damages from the ice storm, trying to determine if the Upstate would get federal assistance for the cleanup. According to Joey Bradley, one of the thousands of ice storm victims in Greenville, his street, "looks like we had a hurricane come through." While it may look like a hurricane, the piles of debris and littered streets is what is left from this month's ice storm. Katie Walker lives on Bradley's street, she says, "Tons of limbs were down across the roads, people's roofs, over the fences, blocking our driveways and stuff." Now the mess is being examined closely by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, crews are touring the streets in Greenville County assessing damages left by the storm. According to John Legare, a spokesman for the SC Emergency Management Division, "[We're] trying to get a good feel as to the amount of debris that was created by the ice storm, it appears from what we've seen so far there is a significant amount of debris here, coupled with the other things, it's possible it'll qualify for federal declaration." Since December 15, Public Works crews have been clearing debris 7 days a week, except Christmas day, and if approved by the Governor and President, they will be the ones receiving federal assistance. "There wasn't enough damage to uninsured homes or businesses to qualify for assistance to the citizens. So this is strictly for government entities that have to clean up the mess," says Legare. Meanwhile neighbors say they're left trying to navigate through piles of debris every time they drive or walk down the street. "I've seen people pull out and almost get into a head-on collision," says Walker. Bradley says, "It's hard to see past a big pile of branches and I've almost had a couple of close run-ins with my neighbors coming around a big pile of branches." With our without federal assistance, residents say they're ready to get back to normal, but as Walker puts it, "We're just being patient." Everyone dealing with the debris will have to be patient a little while longer. Public Works Officials say it could be up to seven more weeks before everything is cleaned up. Recommendations for federal assistance are expected to be on the Governor's desk by next week.

Attachments

Jobs, Economy, Growth

ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH QUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 5:30 am BUSINESS WEEK

(airs weekly)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

October 2, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Woodruff Road, busy and thriving for the most part. With a new Best buy, a new Dick's sporting goods, and a Barnes and Noble coming to the area the Greenridge shopping center is quickly becoming the trendy place to shop. Now other stores like Harolds and Talbots are planning to leave the Greenville Mall for greener pastures at Greenridge. Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark went shopping for some answers at the Greenville Mall. In the last few years the Greenville Mall is looking more and more like Greenville's ghost town. Once busy, many shoppers say the mall is slowly turning into a couple of high end stores and empty parking lots. Shopper Jacqueline Wheeler says, "I don't think the price is efficient enough for them ..people can't afford certain things." Fox Carolina observed that during rush hour on a Friday afternoon the parking lot at the Greenville Mall was almost empty. Alvin Yargin who works nearby at Cracker Barrell says the empty lots are the norm these days. He says, "Ever since I've been working it's been a lot busier than before..the reason it's empty though is all the businesses from down there is taking it away. and that's why business is kinda slow right now here." Many shops have already moved to other locations throughout the area leaving many wondering in store for the Greenville Mall.

October 18, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A handful of parents take the offensive in Anderson County. They want to stop the growth of gang activity there before it hits too close to home. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, the gang workshop held Monday at Westside High School was open to anybody in the public and the district sent home fliers with every child. In a high school gymnasium that can fit nearly two thousand people the small crowd of less then a hundred is commended for taking the initiative. Anne Merriweather: "One thing is classroom bullies, peer pressure. We have a lot of drugs in this school and a lot of drugs we don't know about". Parents like Anne Merriweather and Melissa Canada are disturbed by one of this area's most recent and talked about crimes. Melissa Canada: "No, no I always think that like that's too far off". In late August investigators say several young men fired at least 40 bullets into a crowd waiting outside Applebee's restaurant. One of those bullets went through a window and hit a woman in the leg. The senseless shooting believed to be gang related. Canada: "I have a child in middle school here growing up and stuff". Merriweather: "I hope to be able to listen out for my child and especially things going on in the community". There is no limit when it comes to gangs and how they operate. Some, recruiting seven and eight year olds to do their dirty work- and pay the time. Intervention, prevention, and education. That's the formula for reducing gang activity where you live. A.V. Strong: "We should not let society get used to this kind of stuff..." That message coming from a man who grew up in Los Angeles, living the gang life. A.V. Strong was blessed into a gang by his uncle and lost a younger brother to violence. Now he's F.B.I. certified in gang prevention Strong: "We should not be burying our children because of some gang violence". That kind of unwelcome activity, Strong says, can be reduced or eliminated when the whole community steps up to the plate. The F.B.I. says first you need to know what attracts people to gangs. Some attractions are boredom in life, the need for attention and desire to feel important. Then identify the gangs in your area through graffiti or clothing. And tackle the issue by making it harder for gangs to organize. Provide safe, secure after school and recreational programs. It's helpful for concerned parents.

Merriweather: "With me, my children, a lot of the kids like to come to my house. And I hear them just by listening, getting involved, hearing a lot of things they're saying".

December 2, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A proposed revitalization project of the Piazza Bergamo gets the thumbs down from Greenville's Design and Preservation Commission. It all had to do with the green... grass that is. The project would have eliminated the green space in the piazza- which sparked a long debate. If you're looking for a patch of green in the heart of Greenville...this is it. Anthony Conway/Downtown Neighbor: "This is the only piece of grass that's significant in the central business district." It sits in the Piazza Bergamo, where a developer wanted to cover it with bricks--and make some other upgrades to this popular gathering area outside the Bank of America building. John Boyd/Downtown Development: "It's old. It needs refreshing. And we want to do that." John Boyd with Downtown Development hoped the design and preservation commission would see things his way and approve an application to refurbish the area---which included getting rid of the grass. Boyd: "It's not an area for the tenants of Bank of America to enjoy solely. We're not putting up any fences or barriers. What we're trying to do is create a much nicer, appealing entrance to the building." Downtown neighbor Anthony Conway has no problem with the improvements....it's all about the green. Conway: "They love the idea of the bridge coming down. They love the idea of opening up the plaza. Our only concern has been to maintain the beauty of downtown with a natural environment." The commission sided with Conway and denied the plan. Conway: "This is the heart of Greenville. This is what makes Greenville unique. It's our green. Let's keep the green in Greenville." Downtown Developers says the fight is not over. It plans to go back to the drawing board to re-submit an application-that everyone can agree on.

December 7, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The future for the electric city is looking a little brighter. Major renovations are happening in the heart of Anderson in its downtown district. If anyone knows Anderson's downtown area, Phil Silverstein does. His business, Phil's Jewelry, has been around for over forty years. He says, "We've seen several changes... we're going uphill it's wonderful." One of the changes is happening to his neighbor, The Chiquola hotel. It's been around for over a hundred years. In it's hey say, it was the place to be for politicians and celebrities. But for almost a quarter of a century, it sat empty. Now the city is planning to tear it down and turn it into a five million dollar condo and retail development. The city says there will be about 19 condos, several stores, and even a four star restaurant. Mayor Richard Shirley says, "We want to follow a formula that's been successful in Greenville and we're doing that with this type of project." And the city is hoping, if they build it, they will come. Mayor Shirley says, "And having more people, being in the downtown area ..to have people here 24 hours living and playing in downtown will be a good thing." The city says they're expected to close on the deal on December 15th and will take about 14 months to finish the project.

December 8, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Construction is well underway on the West side of Downtown Greenville, all for the new Greenville Drive baseball stadium Team officials say progress is being made with the new stadium, so far construction is about three weeks ahead of schedule. The sod for the field is expected to be laid the first of February. The Drive is an affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and the new stadium will appropriately resemble Boston's Fenway Park. "We will have the green monster in left field, the dimensions are identical to Fenway and it's going to be a great place to watch a game, to bring the family out to," says Media Relations Spokesman, Eric Jarinko. The stadium is expected to be ready for opening day on April 6, 2006 when the Drive takes on the Columbus Catfish.

December 20, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

New jobs are coming to Union County. LSP Automotive Systems Limited announced today that it has chosen to build a new site in Union County. The facility will stamp sheet metal for automobile parts for BMW. LSP says it will employ 75-100 to people when the plant opens in 2008. That number is expected to grow to 130 within its first five years of opening.

December 27, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's the familiar after Christmas jingle. The rush is on again, and it wasn't just in the stores. For some, it was out in the parking lot at the Shops at Greenridge. Annette Sullivan says the traffic now is horrible, and she doesn't like being on Woodruff Road. Shopper Jeff Green says the traffic's pretty bad and Brenda Gillespie feels the same but says it's better than before Christmas. Through it all shopper Jeff Green still kept his Christmas spirit, and with a little quick thinking was able to avoid a lot of traffic. That's the traffic situation outside so how did the back-up look inside? Jeff Green says the traffic in the store is heavier than before Christmas. Annette Sullivan says places like Wal-Mart had things under control allowing a quick visit. All the returns, refunds, and big sales seem to be just part of the holidays.

Attachments

Quality of Life

ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FOURTH QUARTER 2005

Problem/Need: QUALITY OF LIFE

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 8:30am IN TOUCH MINISTRIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (60:00)

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

October 3, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Money-- and lots of it. A Philadelphia millionaire takes interest in a Spartanburg County quadruple homicide and says he'll pay you, if you can tell detectives who did it. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the hundred thousand dollar "bounty" comes from the pockets of an ex-con who's been in jail for stealing cars and forging checks. But the criminal-turnedmillionaire is now being called an angel by a family torn to pieces since the murders. We've shown you this crime scene many times but the Lucas family says we haven't shown you enough. Tom Lucas/Brian Lucas' Father: "Every night you have regrets, worries, hopes. You just don't know what happened. Why would somebody do this?" November 6th, 2003. A customer walking into the Superbike Motorsports Shop finds 4 bodies. All of them gunned down. This couple's son, Brian Lucas, was one of them. Tom Lucas: "I think he was thinking about his boys when that moment came". Six weeks ago Brian's parents moved to South Carolina from Kentucky. Their goal: find whoever killed their son and stripped two young boys of a life with their father. Six weeks in and their move is already paying off—literally. Lorraine Lucas/Brian Lucas' Mother: "I just started crying I mean it was just like a gift from God. It was like an angel just answered all of our prayers". A man by the name of Joe Mammana called up Tom and Lorraine Lucas and told them he wanted to help find their son's killer. He would give one \$100,000 to whoever would spill the beans with information that leads to an arrest and conviction for the 2003 quadruple homicide. Tom Lucas: "Joe, who's quite a character, says he's seen mothers turn their sons in for less". Brian's parents hope the money will entice whoever knows about the murders to come forward and help bring whoever's responsible to justice. Tom Lucas: "We will not give up. We will continue to do whatever is possible to heal every heart that's broken in every family and keep struggling until we get past this and get some closure to this". Think you know enough to pocket the \$100,000? Call the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office at 864-596-2616. Mammana, by the way, also has rewards offered for other missing persons cases including Natalee Holloway, the Alabama high school senior who disappeared in Aruba.

October 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The crowds came to see Lance Armstrong, but the real message is with the stories that the cyclists have to tell. "My fathers a two time cancer survivor and earlier this spring they found a melanoma on my leg and my family has had a ton of cancers across the board, says Sarah Primeau Oliver. Sarah is a part of Greenville's Peloton Project cycling team, and she is just as much a part of this day as the cyclists taking part in the 9-day cross country Tour of Hope. It's designed to educate Americans about cancer research and raise awareness about the benefits of clinical trials. Chris Millard is part of the Tour of Hope team and says, "as a cancer survivor I saw a great opportunity to promote two things that are greatly important to me. Clinical trials and cancer research and combine that with cycling and it's a perfect fit." Chris is a seven year sarcoma cancer survivor. "For the type of cancer I had the standard treatment was radiation and surgery and so the clinical trial allowed me to get chemo and that chemo is really what saved my life and helped me get past my disease." His teammate Randy Ziss was only given a 30-percent survival rate. Today, both of them are grateful for clinical trials. Now as the Tour of Hope's next phase gets ready to begin, there is an even more clear connection between this cycling team and cancer. "It's very much a team event just like fighting cancer is very much a team event, you can't so it by yourself," adds Randy Ziss. Sarah concludes, "there will someday be a cure. It's a long road, but if we have the help we've had with this ride ... with everyone so committed ... hopefully in this lifetime there will be a cure."

October 6, 2005

10:00PM

The Ten O'clock News

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October 15, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Life for Jimmy Moore's changed alot, going from 410 pounds down to 226 pounds. Jimmy says he's struggled with his weight all of his life, trying every diet you can imagine. However on New Year's 2004, he decided to give the Atkins diet a try and to his surprise it actually worked. Jimmy's managed to drop a 184 pounds in one year. He says the way to do it is to watch what you eat and to exercise regularly. Jimmy's weight loss has changed his life so much he decided to write a book about it, with hopes of helping others. The book's called, <u>Livin La Vida Low Carb</u>, inside you'll find his story, a couple of tips, and even some tasty recipes but you won't find it on shelves just yet. Right now it's only available on Jimmy's website but soon Barnes and Noble in Spartanburg as well as Amazon will carry the book. Jimmy's goal for the year is too keep the weight off because he says it's not just a diet

it's a life style change. For more information on Jimmy and his story log onto his website at LivinLaVidaLowCarb.com.

October 20, 2005

10:00PM

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An Upstate woman turns the right key and wins a million dollar home. Rhonda Baine of Rock Hill, SC is the new owner of a real dream house. Inside you'll find a huge kitchen, a living room with floating lights, lavish kids' rooms and a master suite fit for a queen. The theme is designed around nature, full of the latest trends and features for homes. Magazine Better Homes and Gardens sponsored the contest, giving more than sixty-thousand readers a chance to design the home but only ten a shot to win. Along with the house, Baine wins a brand new car. Check out the home for yourself, it's featured in the November issue of Better Homes and Gardens. It's on newsstands now.

October 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Furman Student, Philip Hammond is promoting a national organization, but he is doing it in a very different way. Philip got the idea to ride a segway across the palmetto state to generate some publicity for his favorite charity, Push America. He says it's a great organization, that reaches out to kids with disabilities. The segway is a fairly new invention, which uses two wheels and batteries to glide, reaching a top speed of twelve miles per hour. Philip's gonna ride the segway from Tryon, North Carolina, passing through thirty-five cities, wrapping it all up at Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. His eight day journey kicks off November nineteenth, but he needs your help to get there. He'll be accepting donations per mile and selling advertising space on the segway. Philip's segway to awareness falls right in the middle of his Thanksgiving break, but he says spreading the message about kids with disabilities is more important. If you want to help Philip on his mission or just learn more about the cause send him an email. You can reach Philip at Philip.Hammond@furman.edu

December 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Across the country and in the Carolina's the focus is shifting away from aids awareness and more toward prevention. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, the message Thursday all across the Carolina's was clear-- no one is completely immune from being infected. And because many people are scared to get tested-- they're clueless about their status for months, maybe even years-- possibly putting many others at risk. We just showed you how HIV/AIDS is impacting every continent in the world. But educators say, looking over "there" sometimes makes it easy to forget the problem over "here". Teretha Fowler/HIV Interagency Prevention Collaboration: "There's a lot of misunderstanding, still, and a need for education, counseling, and for testing". In South Carolina more than 20,000 people are infected with HIV. Last year alone-- the state Health Department reports, nearly 900 people got the virus that causes AIDS. The number of people with AIDS in South Carolina is nearly 15,000. Last year, the Department of Health recorded nearly 900 new cases. So far, more than 6,500 people have died from HIV/AIDS. Fowler: "A lot of people think you can tell if another person is affected. But, you can't tell. The only way

you can tell is if you're tested". To mark the 18th annual World AIDS Day an HIV prevention organization in Spartanburg County hosted a black-tie fundraiser. Some of the proceeds will go toward education, prevention and testing. The group also brought in a standup comic who was infected with HIV 20 years ago. She manages to mix humor with the realty of having HIV. River Huston/Living with HIV: "The grief and loss are so intense sometimes the only way for me to survive is with humor". In Clemson, the grief and loss are tacked on to a "red ribbon wall"--to help carry and learn from the burden HIV/AIDS has placed on so many lives. Jennifer Goree/Clemson University: "We need to try and make people take that information on and make changes in their own lives". And that's why these statistics are worth relaying. Out of the more than 20,000 people infected with HIV in South Carolina most are in Richland, Charleston and Greenville counties. In Richland-- nearly 3,900 are infected with HIV. Another 2,500 are infected in Charleston, and more than 1,500 are infected in Greenville. 821 in Spartanburg and 383 in Anderson. The counting can go on...but educators say only as long as we let it. All of our numbers come from the Department of Health and are as of March of this year. The CDC says more than 25% of people infected with HIV/AIDS don't know it.

December 8, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The news of former Governor Carroll Campbell's passing has come as a shock to many. Several people who knew and worked with Campbell say he left some big shoes to fill in the governor's office. Current Governor, Mark Sanford agrees, saying Campbell was a "remarkable South Carolinian with a remarkable legacy...He never quit swinging the bat, which says a lot about living life, the Bible says be hot, be cold, but don't be luke warm, he wasn't luke warm, that which he did, he did with vigor, while alive, he lived." Sanford also credits Campbell's endorsement with his success in being elected Governor.

December 8, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Thursday night the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office hosted it's 15th annual candlelight service of remembrance and hope. Hundreds of people packed the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg where a candle was lit for each victim of violence. Candles were also lit for sympathy, remembrance, hope, appreciation and tomorrow's future.

December 20, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A local man is playing Santa Claus for kids spending Christmas at Greenville Memorial. Billy House has been delivering gifts to the Pediatric Cancer Unit for eight years now. It all started when his own daughter was diagnosed and treated for Lukemia. Since then he's been stopping by every year bearing presents and spreading a little holiday cheer. This year House has helped forty-one kids, if you want to donate toys you can either stop by the hospital or click on the associated link.

December 22, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

For most women getting our nails done is something we enjoy regularly but for female soldiers serving our country getting your nails done is like a piece of heaven. Many women are away from home this holiday season, fighting for freedom in other

countries. So many everyday things women enjoy, fall by the wayside. Sharyn Lynch and her husband Pat, a morale and welfare recreation coordinator in Iraq are trying to change that. Sharyn says most of the entertainment in Iraq is geared towards the male soldiers. So with the help of her husband she came up with the idea to do a "Spa Night" for the female. Sharyn immediately started calling around to see what she could do to help. She started small but ended up getting nail company OPI to donate four hundred pounds of polish and lotion. Though it's too late to beat the Christmas rush, Sharyn does hope to ship the packages by the end of the year, but she needs your help to get it there. She says re-packaging stuff is expensive and she still needs around \$ 700.00 to ship the items. No matter when they arrive, Sharyn says she's confident the female troops will love donations. For more information on Operation We-Care contact or send donations to the following address: Operation We-Care Support Our Troops; Attn: Kristi Parris/PBGN; 200 N Maine St.; Suite 200; Greenville, SC 29601

December 23, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's the busiest time of the year for the Project Host Soup Kitchen in Greenville. Volunteers organized a Christmas feast with all the trimmings from pumpkin pie to a scoop of delicious cranberry sauce. Although everyone there was not gathering around one table and many of the guests didn't know each other, this was Christmas dinner. Michael Lewis who comes often to the soup kitchen says, "It's lots to be thankful for and this is one of the merriest days of my life. It was ten year old Kaiser Wilkes first time volunteering this year. Although his mother asked him to do it, he says next year she won't have to. He told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I'm doing something right. I'm helping the homeless." But for veteran volunteer and organizer Sally Ryan, all of these people are now family. She says, This is my Christmas, I've been doing this for nine year, this is how I spend my Christmas morning." And for many the event has also become a family tradition, literally. Volunteer Stephanie Dianda and her daughter Andi have been helping at the soup kitchen for the past five years. Stephanie says, "It's so awesome, it's so awesome..we wanted to do something. Jesus wanted us to do so we're here for that." To donate to Project Host, you can visit their web site at www.projecthost.org or you send a donation to: Project Host; P.O. Box 345; Greenville, SC 29602

December 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A fire leaves eight families homeless for the holidays. The fire ripped through an entire apartment building in Anderson County. It happened around two on Sunday afternoon at the Hunting Apartments which are located off Michelin Boulevard and Continental Street. More than 65 firefighters battled the blaze for a half hour. The fire chief says amazingly everyone escaped without injury but eight families are now looking for a new place to live this Christmas. So far the cause appears to be accidental.

December 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

In the backyard of this Greer home, what should have been the start of just another day turned out to be anything but. "When I looked up, this big dog was dragging him." Marie Hardy was getting ready to feed her great grandson's dog when she looked outside and saw him being mauled by another dog. That's when Marie stepped into action, running outside to pull the dogs apart, "he had no collar on so I just had to try to hold him by the skin but he was so strong and I was trying to hold the little dog away from him so he wouldn't get hurt and he just kept on chewing. I lost my slippers and it pulled me across the grass." But Marie says it's her husband who really saved the day. Marie and Charles Hardy are both in their 80's and have been married for more than 60 years. Charles has diabetes and has a lot of trouble walking. But when he saw his wife being attacked, Charles ran outside and pulled them apart, holding the dog down until police got there. Charles has several puncture wounds on his arm. Marie's hands were left bloody and severely damaged. She says, "I know I have a big gash in here and my little finger is mangled. I can feel every finger throbbing." But they both made it out alive.

December 30, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Someone who says they stole some flowers from a grocery store in Greenwood 35 years ago has paid for the blooms. The store got a letter without a name from a person who reported buying several azaleas at a Piggly

Wiggly in 1970. The plants cost 39 cents each, but the person took some plants that were --not-- paid for at the time. The letter earlier this month included five dollars to pay for the stolen plants. Store operator Jyll Maddox was so impressed she sent the letter to Piggly Wiggly's headquarters in Charleston. Rita Postell with the grocery chain says the letter helped restore faith in individuals during the holiday season.